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ICE DEPORTS MAN WANTED FOR HOMICIDE IN MEXICO

BOISE, Idaho – An illegal alien wanted for homicide by Mexican authorities was deported yesterday by officers of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).



ICE Detention and Removal Operations officers here arrested Bulmaro Mendez, 29, a citizen of Mexico, on February 25. He was held in ICE custody in Denver, Colo., until his removal yesterday on a U.S. government aircraft. Mexican officials took custody of Mendez upon his arrival in Mexico.

Mexican officials had contacted ICE in early February, asking for assistance in locating Mendez, who was wanted for homicide in connection with the death of two men in San Luis, Mexico, in April 1997. According to the Mexican warrant, Mendez ran a vehicle off the road in an armed robbery attempt. The vehicle struck a tree and two men inside the vehicle were killed.

After receiving the information from Mexican authorities, ICE officers in Boise discovered that Mendez had renewed his Idaho driver's license just days earlier. ICE officers obtained a copy of Mendez's driver's license and Mexican officials confirmed his identity. ICE officers then located Mendez near Nampa, Idaho, and arrested him without incident. An immigration judge ordered Mendez removed on March 2.

"Bulmaro Mendez believed that he could escape paying for his crimes in Mexico by simply crossing the border, but he was wrong," said Gregory Switzer, who heads ICE's Detention and Removal Office operations in Boise. "We are pleased that he will now face justice in Mexico, and this community is safer for it."

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Since September 1, 2004, ICE's DRO officers in Idaho have located, apprehended and removed 99 fugitive illegal aliens from the United States. ICE's National Fugitive Operations Program (NFPO) targets individuals who have been ordered deported from the United States but failed to report for removal. From March 1 through Sept. 30, 2004, DRO apprehended 3,409 fugitives with final orders of removal, an increase of 112 percent over the same period in 2003. Fiscal year 2004 fugitive apprehensions totaled 11,063.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.